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**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A steering pivot pin providing an integrally formed radially inner race defining a circumferentially extending inner raceway, and a cage retaining therein at spaced locations rolling elements which contact the inner raceway, the cage being retained relative to the pivot by means of a clip connection.

2. (original) A steering pivot as claimed in claim 1 wherein there is also provided an outer race which defines a circumferentially extending outer raceway which engages the rolling elements.

3. (currently amended) A steering pivot as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the rolling elements are tapered rollers and the inner and outer raceways are part-conical.

4. (currently amended) A steering pivot as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 3 wherein the clip connection is constituted by resilient radially inward projections provided at ~~spaced~~ spaced locations around the large end of the cage.

5. (original) A steering pivot as claimed in claim 4 wherein the projections are received in a circumferential groove in the large outside diameter of the inner race.

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6. (original) A steering pivot as claimed in claim 5 wherein the large axial end of the inner raceway has a circumferential rib against which the rolling elements engage and the circumferential groove is provided immediately axially behind the rib.

7. (original) A steering pivot as claimed in claim 6 wherein a seal element is provided behind the circumferential groove.

8. (currently amended) A steering pivot as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 7 wherein the pivot pin has a flange at its end remote from the narrow end of the inner race, the flange having a number of holes for facilitating attachment to a support arm.

9. (currently amended) A steering pivot as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 8 wherein the pivot pin has an axial extension beyond the narrow end of the inner race, the axial extension being adapted to receive a sensor.

10. (original) A steering pivot as claimed in claim 9 wherein said axial extension has an axial groove for receiving a sensor.

11. (new) In a steering axle of a vehicle, with the steering axle having support arms which pivot about a generally upright axis, an improved steering pivot for enabling one of the arms to pivot about the axis, said pivot comprising:

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a pivot pin fitted into said one arm and having an inner raceway that is oblique to and is presented away from the axis, the pin also having an annular groove at one end of the raceway, with the groove opening away from the axis;

an outer raceway located around the inner raceway and being presented toward the axis and the inner raceway, the outer raceway being inclined with respect to the axis in the same direction that the inner raceway is inclined;

rolling elements arranged in a row between the inner raceway on the pin and the outer raceway; and

a cage having projections which project into the annular groove of the pin and prevent the cage and rolling elements from moving axially off the pivot pin in the absence of the outer race.

12. (new) The combination according to claim 11 wherein the raceway has a large end and a small end, with the large end being located closest to the groove and the small end being at one end of the pin so that the rolling elements will move axially away from the groove and off the pivot pin in the absence of the engagement of the projections on the cage with the groove.

13. (new) The combination according to claim 12 wherein the cage has openings and the rolling elements are received in the openings.

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14. (new) The combination according to claim 12 and further comprising an outer race located around the inner race, the outer raceway being on the outer race.

15. (new) The combination according to claim 12 wherein the rolling elements are tapered rollers and the raceways are frustoconical.

16. (new) The combination according to claim 12 wherein the projections on the cage are resilient.

17. (new) The combination according to claim 16 wherein the cage is formed from a polymer.

18. (new) The combination according to claim 12 wherein the pivot pin is received in the support arm and has a flange at its end that is remote from the end at which the inner raceway terminates, with the flange overlying the support arm; and wherein the pin is secured to the support arm at the flange.

19. (new) The combination according to claim 12 wherein the pivot is one of two spaced apart pivots, each having its pivot pin fitted to a different support arm, with the raceways of the pivots being inclined downwardly toward the space between the pivots.